

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

Applicant: Michael Helmus

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Title: BIODEGRADABLE IMPLANTABLE OR INSERTABLE MEDICAL DEVICES  
WITH CONTROLLED CHANGE OF PHYSICAL PROPERTIES LEADING TO  
BIOMECHANICAL COMPATIBILITY

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**RESPONSE TO FINAL OFFICE ACTION**

Sir:

This Response is being submitted in reply to the final Office Action mailed October 22, 2010, having a date for response of January 22, 2010. This Response is timely filed.

No fees are believed to be due. Any fees deemed to be due or credit for any overpayment for this application should be directed to Deposit Account Number 50-1047 and authorization is hereby given to charge such account.

Kindly consider the following Amendments and Remarks.

The **Amendment to the Claims** begins on page 2.

**Remarks/Arguments** begin on page 6.